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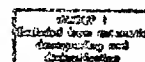
1. I HAVE A FEELING FROM YOUR [REDACTED] THAT WE ARE NOT COMMUNICATING WITH EACH OTHER TOO WELL. I REALIZE THAT TRYING TO DO THIS BY CABLE IS NOT TOO SATISFACTORY AND THAT IF I COULD TALK WITH YOU ON A SECURE 'PHONE FOR ABOUT THREE MINUTES WE WOULD HAVE EVERYTHING CLEARED UP. THEREFORE, I WILL TRY TO ELABORATE. I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO SEND THIS CABLE INFO TO [REDACTED] SINCE THEY MAY ALSO HAVE SIMILAR MISCONCEPTIONS BUT I HAVE DECIDED TO USE THE [REDACTED]

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ROUTE SINCE MANY OF MY REMARKS WILL SEEM OVERLY CRITICAL

OF YOUR [REDACTED] I MAY AT A LATER DATE SEND A MORE 25X1
BENIGN MESSAGE WHICH WILL INCLUDE [REDACTED] WHICH
YOU SHOULD RECOGNIZE COVERS THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

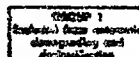
2. WE ARE HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME HERE IN HQS KEEPING
THE PROJECT ALIVE. I SEE BOTH THE ENTIRE IDEALIST PROGRAM
AS WELL AS THE TACKLE PORTION IN SERIOUS JEOPARDY. WHILE 25X1
WE RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND THIS HAS NOW BEEN DONE,
IT MIGHT APPEAR TO YOU THAT WE HAVE THE STRONGEST SUPPORT
IN WASHINGTON TO CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM. THIS IS NOT THE CASE.
WE ARE HOLDING ON FOR THE TIME BEING BY A VERY SLIM THREAD.
THE FIRST POINT YOU SHOULD REALIZE IS THAT THE AIR FORCE,
AND MANY OTHERS, WOULD DEARLY LIKE TO GET ALL THE U-2'S BACK
UNDER THEIR CONTROL. THEREFORE, ANY TIME THAT WE WANT

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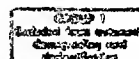
TO DO A MISSION, WE MUST DO IT IN THE SIMPLEST MOST UNCOMPLICATED MANNER POSSIBLE SO AS TO SHOW THAT WE HAVE A SMOOTH OPERATION AND CAN DO THINGS AT MINIMUM COST AND RELATIVELY EASILY. IT IS FOR THIS SAME REASON THAT MOST OF OUR PLANNING MUST BE DONE WITHOUT JRC, USAF, NRO, DOD, ETC., KNOWING ABOUT IT. THAT IS WHY I INCLUDED PARA 3 IN 25X1

3. WE HAVE AT HAND AN OPPORTUNITY TO FLY A MISSION WITH THE NEW H CAMERA (WHICH WE DEVELOPED) TO DEMONSTRATE OUR USEFULNESS. THUS FAR WE HAVE RECEIVED THE SUPPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, CIA, FOR A ONE-TIME MISSION TO SEE HOW GOOD H CAMERA PHOTOGRAPHY WOULD BE. UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT IT WILL BE EXCELLENT AND USEFUL PHOTOGRAPHY THEN THE SUBJECT OF WHO WILL CONDUCT ADDITIONAL AND CONTINUAL FOLLOW-ON MISSIONS WILL OCCUR. EITHER WE WILL BE ABLE TO DO IT ON A CONTINUAL BASIS OR WE WILL HAVE TO GIVE THE AIR FORCE OUR ASSETS AND

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LET THEM DO IT

4. THE BEST WAY TO FLY THE MISSION IS TO TAKE OFF FROM

I AM CONSIDERING USING

FOR TWO REASONS ONLY:

B. IT WILL ALLOW US TO REMOVE THE FILM BEFORE

THE AIRCRAFT ACTUALLY RETURNS THIS WAS
COVERED IN PARA 3,

5. THE PRIMARY PROPOSAL WHICH WE HAVE SENT TO THE
WHITE HOUSE IS TO RECOVER WITH THE OPTION THAT
WE USE IF REQUIRED. AS I SEE IT, THE PRIMARY
RESPONSIBILITY THAT YOU HAVE IS TO SEE THAT THE MISSION IS
PROPERLY BRIEFED, THE AIRCRAFT READY FOR DEPARTURE, THE
DEPARTURE AND RECOVERY PROCEDURES SPECIFIED ARE UNDER-

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STOOD, AND THE MISSION FLOWN CORRECTLY. ONCE THE MISSION HAS BEEN ACTUALLY FLOWN AND IF THE AIRCRAFT RECOVERS AT

25X1 [REDACTED] THE ONLY REMAINING PRIMARY TASK IS TO REMOVE THE FILM, GIVE IT TO A COURIER AND SEND IT BACK TO HAWAII.

I FRANKLY AM NOT OVERLY CONCERNED THAT THE AIRCRAFT

RETURNS IMMEDIATELY [REDACTED] THIS IS OF SECONDARY IMPOR-

TANCE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO IT

RETURNING THE NEXT DAY, IN THE DAYLIGHT, FOR REASONS OUTLINED

IN THE LAST PART OF PARA 4 [REDACTED] FOR THE ABOVE REASONS,

I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO APPROVE YOUR RECOMMENDATION IN

25X1 PARA 7, [REDACTED] IF BY DETCO YOU ARE REFERRING TO YOURSELF.

6. I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT IF THE ARTICLE HAD TO DIVERT

TO ONE OF THE AIRFIELDS IN [REDACTED] THAT

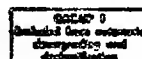
IT COULD BE RECOVERED WITH THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT

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YOU COULD FIT INTO A U-3. THEREFORE, WHILE I CANNOT
QUARREL WITH YOUR PERSONAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE
NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND EQUIPMENT YOU WANT TO TAKE TO
[REDACTED] PER PARA 6, [REDACTED] I WOULD FIND IT VERY
DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO DOD, USAF, ET AL WHY WE NEED SO
MANY PEOPLE TO DO A JOB THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS INFERRED WE
COULD DO WITH LESS. WHILE I DO NOT WANT TO SPECIFY NUMBERS,
I HAD SOMEHOW VISUALIZED BETWEEN [REDACTED] PEOPLE
TO GO [REDACTED] WE DO NOT NEED THE [REDACTED] UNTIL
LATER, FOR EXAMPLE. WHILE I AGREE THAT A FIRST-CLASS OPERATION
WOULD REQUIRE WHAT YOU HAVE INDICATED, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL
KEEP IN MIND THESE OTHER THOUGHTS THAT ALL I REALLY
WANT TO DO IS TO HAVE A VERY LOW PROFILE [REDACTED] WITH
AS FEW PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU DO NOT THINK THAT THIS

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OPERATION CAN BE CONDUCTED AS I HAVE DISCUSSED, THEN I
WILL HAVE TO ABANDON ANY THOUGHT OF USING [] AS AN
ALTERNATIVE RECOVERY BASE.

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7. I AGREE WITH YOUR BASIC CONCEPT IN PARA 5,

[] (I DO NOT CARE FOR THE LOW APPROACH []
[] SCHEME) BUT AM AFRAID THAT PERHAPS YOU MAY BE
OVERLOOKING THE FLYING SAFETY ASPECT. IN REVIEWING MY
PARA 4 OF [] YOU WILL RECALL THAT AVOIDANCE OF
[] IS FIRST PRIORITY. I DO NOT BELIEVE
THAT YOU ACTUALLY HAVE TO FLY AS LOW AS YOU HAVE INDICATED
TO DO THIS. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE BUFFETING TO A FULLY
LOADED AIRCRAFT AT THIS LOW ALTITUDE AND OTHER FLYING
SAFETY FACTORS, INCLUDING NIGHT RECOVERY. PLEASE LET ME
HAVE YOUR ESTIMATE OF THE MINIMUM ALTITUDE []

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